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Madge thrown from horse

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Power outage caused by birds

EQUIPMENT It was a power outage for the birds.

Nesting birds in equipment caused a short circuit at a Nova Scotia Power substation resulting in about 4,300 homes and businesses in and around the St. Margarets Bay-Tantallon area to be without power Saturday.

Jennifer Parker, spokesperson with Nova Scotia Power, said the "unfortunate" incident started at 9:45 a.m., with about 1,000 customers having their lights back on by noon, and the rest by 4:45 p.m.

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Help Hines find a hobby

EARTH DAY: APRIL 22

GoGreen

In honour of Earth Day on Wednesday, Metro is providing you with ways you can go green and lessen your environmental footprint.



TODAY

GOING GREEN. While saving the planet is serious business, you can still have fun while you're at it. Page 9.

COMMENTS. Green lifestyle choices endless. Page 8.

TOMORROW

ENTERTAINMENT. How the music industry is going green.

EARTH DAY

MOVIES. We have a review of the Disney film Earth.

GOING GREEN. A special section devoted to Earth Day.

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Cole Harbour's T.J. Grant raises his hands in victory after winning his UFC debut Saturday night before a sold-out crowd at Montreal's Bell Centre. Grant won an unanimous decision over Ryo Chonan. **Story, pg 12**

RCMP dealt explosive situation

WEAPONS Things were explosive in Pictou Friday afternoon.

The RCMP called in members of Canada's Maritime Explosive Disposal Unit, a special division of the Navy out of CFB Shearwater, to view and assess two pieces of military ordnance found by a town resident.

The ammunition shells measured out to 13 inches long and three inches in diameter. Believed to be ap-

proximately 30 years old, a resident had found them in his garage and it's believed the previous owner left them there. An initial report from Pictou County District RCMP's Const. Ryan Adlam indicated that the shells were suspected to be live ammunition.

Two representatives from the explosive unit arrived on scene around 2:30 p.m. and confirmed that one of the shells was, in fact, a potential explosive

hazard. Police escorted the shell to the rock quarry near Beeches Road, where the RCMP and explosive unit members cleared the area and detonated two separate charges of military grade C4 plastic explosives strapped to the live shell to ensure its destruction.

"The resulting blasts rang out at super sonic speeds and decibel levels," Adlam said.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Helping heroes

Longtime RCMP volunteer honoured by those he respects

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax

It's hard for Harold Joseph Northrup to forget the "terrible" sights and smells he experienced while picking up body parts at Peggy's Cove and working in the morgue following the Swissair crash in September 1998.

But the 78-year-old Dartmouth man believes it's important to reach out when he can, which is why he's been willing to take on some tough jobs while volunteering with the Nova Scotia RCMP.

"I just want to help the RCMP out," he said yesterday, just after receiving an award for his longtime volunteer work with the Mounties. "I think they're a great organization."

Northrup has been generously giving his time to the RCMP since 1975, still putting more than 1,000 hours in annually with the auxiliary program at the Cole Harbour detachment. "Now I look after the police cars," he said. "I take them to get the new tires on them."

Northrup was one of 135 citizens who were recog-

nized at the first ever Nova Scotia RCMP Volunteer Long Service Recognition Awards Ceremony, held yesterday at Halifax West High School.

"What's particularly noteworthy is that it's being held on the first day of National Volunteer Week," Steve Graham, commanding officer of the Nova Scotia RCMP, pointed out to the families and friends gathered inside the high school's theatre, the Bella

Rose Art Centre.

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Harold Joseph Northrup

"(We) celebrate your continuous commitment to this province and most importantly, to the citizens."

Each volunteer received a certificate signed by RCMP commissioner William Elliott and a commemorative pin. Many work with community policing programs such as Ground Search and Rescue, Citizens On Patrol, Neighbourhood Watch, Crime Prevention and Block Parents.

An "RCMP volunteer value statement" was also unveiled yesterday.

It will be placed in the lobbies of detachments and community offices across the province.

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Local



Stop, or face a fine

Stop, in the name of safety. Members of the RCMP Halifax District are launching a stop sign blitz campaign in the Cole Harbour area starting today through May 3. The RCMP will be targeting motorists that fail to completely stop at stop signs with increased patrols and enforcement. Fines are \$164.50 and come with two demerit points. **METRO HALIFAX**

Brill on bill for Comedy Festival

Veteran New York comic works on Late Show with David Letterman

HILARY BEAUMONT
for Metro Halifax

The 14th annual Halifax Comedy Festival takes place this week and one of the featured attractions is internationally celebrated comic Eddie Brill from New York City.

In a phone interview last week with Metro Halifax, the comic, who works on the Late Show with David Letterman, said Halifaxians should expect



Eddie Brill

the type of comedy everyone can relate to.

Brill discusses topics like organized religion, and asks the compelling question: why do post offices advertise stamps?

During his latest show in Hollywood on Easter Sunday, Brill poked fun at the holiday. He says the audience ate it up like chocolate eggs.

"Easter's a scary holiday," Brill said. "I think the Easter Bunny was created to shock the hell out of kids."

About the festival

- The Halifax Comedy Festival runs today through Saturday at various venues throughout the city.
- For a complete schedule of events, visit: halifaxcomedyfest.ca.

You tell your kids it's all about a man coming back from the dead they'll freak out. So if you have chocolate and eggs and Easter Bunnies it makes it fun and cute."

This July, Brill will celebrate 25 years in comedy. He has been making people laugh for half his life.

His career kicked off in college when he performed in a comedy group similar to local group Picnicface. Now Brill's gig is on the Late Show with David Letterman where he warms up the audience and books comics.

"I like making people laugh," he said. "I'm so pas-

sionate about it. I love it with all my heart."

On Friday, Brill will emcee a free lunchtime show at the Scotia Square Mall food court: Comedy For Lunch. He'll also perform at the Gala of Laughs on Friday at 8 p.m. the Gala Finale on Saturday at 8 p.m. Both events take place at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

Other headliners this year include Michael Winslow from the Police Academy movies and Last Comic Standing winner Dat Phan.

Atlantic mayors call for faster infusion of cash

STIMULUS Atlantic Canadian mayors are calling on the federal government to get infrastructure stimulus cash flowing into municipalities sooner rather than later.

"We are concerned that delays in announcing details on how municipalities can access the fund might mean that we will lose this construction season," Halifax Regional Municipality Mayor Peter Kelly, who hosted a meeting with leaders from across the region late last week, said in a release.

Other concerns discussed at the Atlantic Mayors Congress, which ran from Thursday through Saturday, include cuts at the CBC and the economy's effect on air service.

"With our sparse population and remote communities, we are concerned that air service to our region could be further affected," Kelly said. "We need a passenger bill of rights in place to ensure that the interests of air travellers are protected."

Mayors from the largest municipalities in this part of the country attend the Atlantic Mayors Congress, which meets twice yearly to share concerns and foster collaboration.

"This is not the time to cut services to the region or delay job-creating investments," Kelly said. "This is the time to focus on the needs of people and communities and not cut Atlantic Canada adrift."

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Police seeking missing woman

DARTMOUTH Halifax police are seeking the public's help in locating a missing Dartmouth woman.



Tracy Cooper

Thirty-nine-year-old Tracy Lynn Cooper was reported missing to police April 15.

She is described as white, five-foot-three with a petite build, reddish-brown shoulder length hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information regarding Cooper's whereabouts, or anyone who may have seen her, is asked to call police at 490-5016.

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Halifax writer Jon Tattrie is launching his first book, titled *Black Snow: A story of love and destruction, tomorrow* at The Company House in Halifax. The book is set around the 1917 Halifax Explosion.

Halifax Explosion at centre of novel

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax

BOOK It's a story of lost love, but the heart of Jon Tattrie's first novel lies in a piece of history that changed his hometown forever: the Halifax Explosion.

"There's no shortage of books about the Halifax Explosion ... but I wanted to read (one) ... where the explosion was the main character," Tattrie said of the inspiration behind his own book, *Black Snow: A story of love and destruction*,

A reading

- Join Jon Tattrie for a reading of *Black Snow*, published by The Pottersfield Press, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. tomorrow at The Company House on Gottingen Street. The book can be ordered online at nimbus.ns.ca.

which will be launched tomorrow.

"*Black Snow* is primarily just during the 36 hours from the explosion to when help started to arrive," said the 32-year-old writer, a regular contribu-

tor to Metro Halifax.

"The main character has just returned from serving in the trenches of World War I," he said of young protagonist Tommy.

"He comes back to Halifax and he's just trying to get his life back in order."

Then comes Dec. 6, 1917, that fateful date etched in the minds of Nova Scotians, including that of Tattrie, who has lived on both sides of the harbour where the Mont-Blanc and Imo collided.

"It's like everything that he left behind in the Euro-

pean war has come back and just destroyed his own city," he said, explaining Tommy is determined to find his wife, Evie, during the horrific aftermath of the explosion.

Tattrie first started conjuring up a fictional story that could be set in the all too real disaster while working at the Halifax Daily News. But what started as a short story soon turned into a full-fledged book, with characters that seemed to "come to life" and a plot fuelled by the "intensity of the explosion," he said.

News in brief

MAN FOUND A 63-year-old man missing from Saulnierville was located late Thursday evening. Meteghan RCMP said just before midnight, Reginald Paul Comeau was found alive in an isolated wooded area situated about 35 kilometres away from where he lived. Earlier Thursday, the police were asking for the public's assistance in locating the man who had been missing since Wednesday morning. Police received a call late Thursday evening from a person who had seen the man earlier in the day.

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What's online today.

Immigration Guidy Mann on why Canada has no right to complain about alleged Mob boss being deported to Montreal at metronews.ca/immigration

Lotteries

Friday, April 17
Lotto Super 7: 5, 19, 21, 33, 35, 36 & 44. Bonus 28.
Saturday, April 18
Lotto 6/49: 4, 5, 21, 33, 42 & 47. Bonus 24.
These results are not official.

Highway 102 lane closure

There will be a lane closure on Highway 102 southbound from Exit 4B to Exit 3, including ramps, for repairs which includes replacing the medium barrier and repaving the highway. The work started Saturday and will continue until the end of July. **METRO HALIFAX**

\$2M more for winter games

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax

Peter MacKay didn't throw punches when he stepped into the ring Friday at Palooka's Boxing Club, but the federal cabinet minister still incited claps from the crowd when he announced an additional \$2 million in funding for the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax.

The cash comes from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and will help pay for everything from sports equipment to promotion and marketing for the Games, which is expected to be the biggest athletics event in Halifax's history and stimulate \$81 million in economic activity for Nova Scotia.

"It's an investment by our government to help in the volunteer recruitment ... (and) in training to allow community members to

build their skills," MacKay said, adding the dough will also buy a boxing ring and gymnastics gear.

This ensures the province will "have safe, up-to-date equipment," said MacKay, the national defence minister and Atlantic Gateway minister. "Sport, simply put, is an incredibly important part of our country. It brings out the very best in people."

MacKay was joined by provincial Health Promotion and Protection Minister Pat Dunn, Coun. Mary Wile and Games chairman Jean-Paul Deveau. All four speakers strapped on gloves, smiling for the cameras rather than sparring, inside the Gottingen Street gym.

Dunn said the Games, set for Feb. 11 to 27, 2011, "will leave us with a legacy of new and upgraded sports venues." He pointed to the province's history of hosting such events, in-



Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection Minister Pat Dunn, ACOA Minister Peter MacKay, Canada Games chairman Jean-Paul Deveau and HRM Coun. Mary Wile donned boxing gloves Friday as the federal government announced an additional \$2 million in funding for the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax. The announcement took place at Palooka's Boxing Club in Halifax.

cluding the first Canada Summer Games in 1969. "We are still using some of the sports facilities created for that."

Palooka's owner Mickey MacDonald said following the press conference that

the Games will give young athletes here in Halifax "something to look forward to."

"Any sport is great for the kids — it teaches them discipline, it teaches them teamwork, it teaches them

focus," he said. "It builds their character."

Organizers say more than 2,700 athletes will compete in about 20 sports, with thousands of spectators also expected at the Games.

Shelters need more funds: NDP

POLITICS Bryony House and other transition houses could be in crisis without more bucks from the province, the New Democrats say.

NDP MLA Marilyn More of Dartmouth South-Portland Valley said in a news release that the Halifax shelter for abused women and their children hasn't seen funding rise since 1996. "The responsibility of the ... Conservative government is to help these women get out of poverty and restart their lives."

The Community Services Department said last week it's not cutting funding for more than 200 groups. "I'm pleased that we are able to protect the programs and services that many Nova Scotians depend on," Minister Chris d'Entremont said in a release.

But a funding freeze for important social services simply isn't enough, More said, especially less than a month after the province released a poverty reduction strategy that is supposed to address the needs of Nova Scotia's most vulnerable.

"The non-profit groups ... keep the social fabric of our communities together."

The provincial government says it provides \$230 million annually "to a wide variety of organizations" and has also secured \$155 million for the poverty reduction strategy, released April 3.

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Peter MacKay, federal MP

Workshop **Model Makers**



Grandmother Pat Stephenson looks on as 19-month-old Gavin McDonald works on his styrofoam model during a children's make a model workshop yesterday at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. The event was part of the 27th annual Model Makers' Showcase, which was held at the museum over the weekend.

Charges laid in October robbery, assault

SYDNEY Two Sydney men have been arrested and charged in relation to the robbery of a 60-year-old man on Victoria Road in October 2008.

One 18-year-old male was released from custody and

will appear in court, May 28. The second male, 21, will be remanded to the Cape Breton Correctional Centre until Monday, when he appears in court.

Police say two men robbed and assaulted the

60-year-old man near the Italian Village Pizzeria and Restaurant, Oct. 8, at 12:40 a.m. The victim was transported to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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Sydney a no-fly zone for Sunwing this summer

AIRLINES Sunwing Airlines has cancelled its summer schedule of flights between Sydney and Toronto.

Sunwing had planned to resume service June 15, with twice weekly flights offered until Sept. 10, but announced Friday its planes will not fly in or out of Cape Breton in 2009.

"Unfortunately our program has been irreparably

damaged by the refusal of the Sydney Airport Authority to allow Sunwing to operate in to Sydney this summer," said

Mark Williams, Sunwing president

Williams, president of Sunwing Airlines, in a release.

"Sunwing had started proceedings to obtain a court injunction to overturn the airport authority's decision. Unfortunately, recent press coverage of the airport authority's refusal has materially and negatively impacted sales on the route and the timing of the scheduled court date was too late for us to recover our program for this summer."

Larry MacPherson, chief executive officer of the Syd-

ney Airport Authority, could not be reached for comment late Friday afternoon.

But earlier this week he told the Cape Breton Post that Sunwing was no longer welcome to fly into Sydney due to the addition of a new seasonal service offered by WestJet. He said Sunwing didn't notify the airport of its plans to return and the

airport, instead, agreed to a deal with WestJet that will see a Boeing 737 fly non-stop to Toronto three times a week, beginning May 5.

MacPherson said the airport authority believes that having three airlines operating out of Sydney with direct flights to Toronto would not be sustainable. He also stated that there would not be enough counter space for Sunwing's ticket agents.

Meanwhile, Williams said Sunwing doesn't believe the Sydney Airport Authority has the right to act as a market regulator and they plan to take legal action.

CAPE BRETON POST

Airport workers back on the job

SETTLEMENT About 80 workers who service airplanes at Halifax Stanfield

International Airport are no longer locked out.

The members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which represents Servisair's unionized employees, voted Saturday in favour of a new offer from the company.

Media reports indicate the members voted 65 per cent in favour for the offer, which includes a one-year wage freeze.

The workers were locked out on April 1 after rejecting a two-year wage freeze offer. The two sides had been without a contract since last June, with negotiations on-going since November.

These employees work on the ramps and offer passenger service for airlines.

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The Ontario Provincial Police on Saturday launched an intensified search in Woodstock, Ont., for missing eight-year-old Victoria (Tori) Stafford, who was last seen on April 8. Police will also be re-examining older information and tips, and detectives will be canvassing homes and residents for new leads. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Ontario police step up search for missing 8-year-old

Canada



Red Cross seeking flood aid

The Canadian Red Cross is appealing for donations to support people affected by the flood in Manitoba. So far, more than 900 people have registered at the Red Cross reception centre in Winnipeg as the province said Saturday that 1,923 people have been evacuated in the flood. More than 1,200 of those are people from First Nations communities. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Harper praises ties to Jamaica

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will hail the "extraordinary" ties between Canada and Jamaica and the positive contributions of Jamaicans to Canadian society during an historic address to that country's parliament today.

"This visit is particularly important and symbolic for the Jamaican-Canadian community. It's symbolic of our relations with Jamaica," Harper told Torstar News Services in an exclusive interview yesterday.

"It's also a real chance to acknowledge the strong and positive contribution that Jamaican-Canadians do make, sometimes not probably recorded or appreciated," he said from Port of Prince, Trinidad.

Harper arrived in Kingston, Jamaica last night from Trinidad where he had been attending the Summit of the Americas. Joining Harper onboard the government Airbus jet was Jamaican Prime Minister

"The Jamaican community is gradually coming of age in Canada."

Stephen Harper

Bruce Golding, who had also been attending the summit.

Today, Harper will address a special sitting of both houses of the Jamaican Parliament — a first for a Canadian prime minister.

"The Jamaican community is gradually coming of age in Canada and Jamaicans themselves are proud of that and that's something that enhances our relationship," he said.

As Harper meets with Jamaican leaders, he'll also be pressing efforts to cement a free trade deal, which he touts as one remedy to the nation's poverty.

He said Jamaica has been hit "terribly hard" by the economic woes but has avoided the worst of the fi-



Prime Minister Stephen Harper is escorted by a Trinidadian protocol officer as he arrives for the closing session at the Fifth Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain.

financial sector collapse because the banking sector is almost entirely Canadian. "They've been sheltered from the worst fallout of

the financial crisis. But the country has significant economic and financial challenges," he said.

"The biggest single thing

to move everything forward is to get the economy moving forward."

Harper, who has previously visited Haiti and Bar-

bados, said the Conservatives would continue to make the Caribbean a foreign policy priority.

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Canadian warship chases down pirates after hijacking attempt

PIRACY NATO forces foiled an attack by Somali pirates on a Norwegian oil tanker, and briefly detained seven gunmen after hunting them down under cover of darkness, NATO officials said yesterday.

It was the latest assault by sea gangs from Somalia who have hijacked dozens of ships, taken hundreds of sailors hostage and made tens of millions of dollars in ransoms — defying an unprecedented deployment by foreign navies in the region.

Michael McWhinnie, a spokesman on the Canadian warship Winnipeg, said

No pirates held

After documenting evidence, the Winnipeg's crew let the pirates go. A crew member said that "Canada's mandate is not to normally take detainees."

it, a British naval supply ship and U.S. warship Halyburton responded after pirates attacked the 80,000-tonne MV Front Ardenne in the Gulf of Aden late Saturday.

The gunmen, armed with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, fled south in their

skiff as the NATO forces approached, dumping weapons overboard.

McWhinnie said a helicopter sent by the Winnipeg fired warning rounds in front of the pirates' craft from its machinegun, but they ignored it.

The Canadian warship then pursued them for hours through the night. "We blocked their path. We were faster and surprisingly more manoeuvrable than the pirate skiff," McWhinnie said.

The ship then sent a boarding party to search the pirate vessel and found an RPG round. **REUTERS**

CFIA emergency fund would increase risk: Union

SAFETY The Canadian Food Inspection Agency plans to establish an emergency fund by withholding money from daily operations, says the union representing food inspectors.

"CFIA does not have an emergency fund to deal with outbreaks of food or animal-borne illnesses," says a briefing the Agricul-

ture Union is expected to deliver to MPs on the parliamentary subcommittee on food safety today.

The union estimated the fund would restrain the operational budget at CFIA by about 10 to 15 per cent, which it fears would cancel plans to hire additional food inspectors, reduce oversight, and actually in-

crease the risk of an emergency outbreak.

The committee will hear from Maple Leaf Foods CEO Michael McCain today as part of a probe into a potentially deadly strain of listeria traced to meats from a Toronto plant that became a factor in at least 20 deaths last summer.

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World



Japanese clean up after themselves

Japanese expatriates took to the streets of Paris yesterday armed with brooms to clean up the city for the tens of thousands of Japanese tourists who visit each year. To the amusement or indifference of passers-by, the team of Japanese expats called the Greenbirds chose to give a stretch of the Champs Elysees avenue their monthly cleaning treatment.

REUTERS

Journalist must have legal rights: Iran chief

COURTS Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has called on the judiciary to ensure that an Iranian-American journalist jailed for espionage enjoys her legal right to defend herself, the official news agency IRNA said yesterday.

Roxana Saberi's lawyer welcomed Ahmadinejad's intervention in a letter to



Saberi

Tehran's prosecutor, published a day after the U.S.-born freelance reporter was sentenced to eight years in jail on charges of spying for the United States.

Lawyer Abdolsamad Khorramshahi has said he will appeal the verdict, which comes at a time when the new U.S. administration of President Barack Obama is trying to engage the Islamic state diplomatically, after three decades of mutual mistrust.

Obama said he was "deeply concerned" for Saberi's safety and urged Tehran to free her.

"I have complete confidence that she was not engaging in any sort of espionage," Obama told a news conference in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, where he was attending the Fifth Summit of the Americas.

REUTERS

Obama sees positive signs on Cuba

But U.S. leader calls on communist nation to give people more political freedom

U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday he saw "potential positive signs" of better relations with Cuba and Venezuela, but he called on Cuba to back them up by giving its people more political freedom.

Obama spoke after attending a Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago which he said focused on "launching a new era of partnerships" between the countries of the western hemisphere.

Communist-ruled Cuba was excluded from the meeting but the summit was dominated by speculation over the prospect of an end to the long conflict between Washington and Havana after Cuban President Raul Castro said last week he was open to talks.



U.S. President Barack Obama addresses a news conference on the rooftop terrace of his hotel after the conclusion of the Fifth Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, yesterday. Communist Cuba was excluded from the meeting but President Raul Castro said he was open to talks.

Obama also received friendly overtures during the summit from left-wing Venezuelan President

Hugo Chavez, whose close alliance with Cuba and fierce criticism of U.S. policies in the region had

strained relations with Washington in the past.

"For the past few days, we've seen potential posi-

tive signs in the nature of the relationship between the United States, Cuba and Venezuela," Obama told a news conference.

"We're going to explore and see if we can make progress," Obama added, recalling Raul Castro had said he was willing to talk about political prisoners and human rights.

Obama went on: "But as I've said before, the test for all of us is not simply words but deeds."

Recalling his move last week to ease aspects of the 47-year-old U.S. trade embargo against Cuba, Obama reiterated a call for Cuba to reciprocate by freeing political prisoners and addressing freedom of expression and religion, saying these issues cannot be brushed aside.

REUTERS

Aid workers taken

ABDUCTIONS Gunmen kidnapped three aid workers, believed to include a Belgian and a Dutchman, in central Somalia yesterday, a colleague and a local elder said.

In a separate incident masked gunmen killed a local employee of another charity in the central town of Merka, witnesses said.

Attacks on aid workers in Somalia, which are normally blamed on hardline Islamist rebels and clan militia, have cut the ability of relief agencies to respond to a humanitarian crisis that many say is Africa's most acute.

Local elder Hassan Maalin told Reuters by tele-

Somalia

- Somalia has been mired in civil conflict for 18 years and is one of the most dangerous countries in the world.
- Aid workers and journalists have often been kidnapped. Hostages are generally released after a ransom is paid.
- More than one million Somalis have been uprooted in the last two years by fighting.

phone from central Somalia: "Unidentified armed men kidnapped two MSF-Belgium aid workers in Bakol region."

REUTERS

India Rickshaw racing



Rickshaw pullers take part in a race in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata yesterday, the first race of its kind in four years, it took place after chief minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee tried to ban them in 2005.

Boycott may subvert meeting

RACISM A growing Western boycott threatens to undermine a United Nations conference on racism that Israel's friends say could become a platform for scathing criticism of the Jewish state.

The United States announced on Saturday it would stay away, citing "objectionable" language in a text prepared for the Geneva meeting which

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will address today, its opening day.

Australia and the Netherlands joined the boycott on Sunday and Italy and Germany are also expected to sit it out.

The United States and Israel walked out after Arab states sought to define Zionism as racist in 2001.

REUTERS

News in brief

EGYPT Buried deep under the crumbling limestone of a temple to the goddess Isis in Alexandria, archaeologists believe the body of Queen Cleopatra may lie. The tomb of the Egyptian queen has never been found but archeologists are discovering more evidence that Cleopatra's priests carried her body to the temple after her suicide, where it could lie with her lover Marc Antony.

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Everyone needs a hobby

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with my stomach muscles, memory and the ability to get through a day without humming the Teletubbies theme song.

But what I do have now and then, is a whole spare 10 or 15 minutes to do something for myself. Clearly, I'm ready for a hobby.

I do go to the gym. I thought that was my hobby. Then I found out the definition of "hobby" isn't "an activity you'd rather gnaw your own arm off than have to do on a regular basis."

I'm hoping Metro readers can help me find

On the web

How to participate

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something better.

The guidelines:

1) It cannot involve a large outlay of cash. So, piloting a small aircraft or buying fashionable yoga gear is out.

2) It's best to avoid activities that involve using or being in the vicinity of sharp objects. I tried gardening once and ended up getting a twig stuck in my eye and having to be rushed to the hospital. Gardening is not really the relaxing activity it's made out to be.

3) It should not involve eating icky, unidentifiable things. This rules out becoming a contestant on Survivor or taking up vegan cooking.

4) It should, ideally, be legal.

5) No tatting. I can't imag-

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ine saying, "Oh yes, I tat." I just can't.

Other than that, the field's wide open.

Anyone who has an interesting, cheap, non-threatening, non-icky, legal hobby, I'd like to hear about it. I'll choose a winner and give your suggestion a go.

Now, the prize. It was going to be a mug. Not just any mug. A Metro newspaper mug. But I decided against that on the basis that we don't have any. I considered giving away my own mug. It's from the Elvis Presley Inn, Jerusalem. I was even prepared to wash it before I mailed it. However, Metro has graciously donated logoed pens and chocolates. I know. I'm a little breathless myself.

So, Hobbies. Help me out. And let the games, or crocheting or Middle Eastern European stamp collecting, begin.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



Views

Green lifestyle ideas are endless

UrbanScrawl

Christina Biluk

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Don't know where to start to live a greener life in Halifax? Well, I've come up with a number of ideas for how to do that in HRM in honour of Earth Day.

Start by picking one or two to incorporate into your life and go from there.

• Buy local. Find out where your food comes from and choose products that are grown close to home.

• Rent a plot in a commu-

nity garden to grow your own food and get to know your neighbours.

• Volunteer to collect leftover food from farms and restaurants and redistribute it to the hungry.

• Bring your own takeout containers, instead of using Styrofoam.

• Avoid bottled water, bring your own reusable container and refill it often.

• Eat a vegetarian meal, once a week. It takes 20 pounds of grain to produce one pound of beef.

• Inquire at your favourite restaurant — what are they doing to help the environment.

• Compost your food scraps to make luscious soil for your flowerbeds.

• BYOB: Bring your own

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bags, when you shop, when you travel.

• Think twice before you buy, will this item end up in a landfill in six months.

• Buy products that have reduced packaging and use recyclable packaging.

• Donate used clothing to charities and second-hand stores.

• Visit the Habitat for Humanity Re-store to get less expensive building materials and give the environment a break.

• Use renewable materials such as bamboo and cork when upgrading and repairing your home.

• Don't dump chemicals (like motor oil and paint) down storm drains.

• Use natural fertilizers.

• Wash clothes in cold water.

• Hang clothes to dry when possible.

• Use products such as baking soda and vinegar for cleaning.

• List items you no longer want on Halifax Freecycle and give them to someone who needs them.

• Plant a tree, or two.

• Sign up for paperless billing.

• Pick up a piece of litter each day.

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Worth mentioning

Summit eyes native traditions to combat climate change

Alaskan Inuits, Australian aborigines and Pygmies from Cameroon have a message for a warming world: Native traditions can be a potent weapon against climate change.

At a summit starting today in Anchorage, Alaska, some 400 indigenous people from 80 nations are gathering to hone this message in the hope it can be a key part of international climate negotiations.

"We don't want to be seen just as the powerless victims of climate change," said Patricia Cochran, an Inupiat native of Nome, Alaska, who is chairing the Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change. "Our conference is really stirred by our wanting to become leaders ... because we

have the ability to bring information from our communities to the rest of the world."

Indigenous traditions are hardly static, she said, noting native people have always adapted to their changing and often harsh environments.

"We don't want to be seen just as the powerless victims of climate change."

Patricia Cochran

For instance, Cochran said, Inuit people in Alaska are reverting to traditional

dogsleds instead of modern snow machines as the icy region warms.

"People go out on their snow machines, fall through the ice and are never seen again," she said. "But our sled dogs will tell you when the ice is not safe ... and they're a lot easier to feed than (to pay) the gas prices that we have, \$10 a gallon in many of our villages."

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We spend about one-third of our time at work. And that's where almost half of our greenhouse gases come from, according to Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin's True Green @ Work: 100 Ways You Can Make the Environment Your Business. Form a green team for your office and look at ways to cut back on electricity and waste. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Going Green

Fossil fuels also form smog

Global warming is not the only reason we should reduce our fossil fuel emissions. The burning of fossil fuels releases air pollutants. Some of these compounds can then form airborne particles and ground-level ozone — which, combined together, is commonly referred to as smog. Increased levels of exposure to smog may cause congestion, difficulty breathing and asthma attacks. **DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION**

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Simple ways to celebrate

One billion people expected to take part in Earth Day activities



JON TATTRE
for Metro Canada

It's Earth Day on Wednesday, and while saving the planet is serious business, you may as well have fun while you're at it. Globally, one billion people in 170 countries are expected to join the celebration of the planet we all live on, organizers say.

Kelly Magill, editor of Positively Green magazine, has some tips for ordinary families to join the party. She treats it like a birthday and recommends parents take their kids on a planetary adventure.

"Just get outside! Go to a park or on a hike. Take a picnic with you and spend the day investigating nature," she says. "If you have bikes, take a family bike ride. Getting comfortable with biking when you're young makes it easier to bike instead of drive when you're an adult."

If you live near a zoo or wildlife park, take your family there to instill a sense of love and respect for animals, she suggests. In a similar vein, go on a strawberry picking adventure and bring the fruit home to enjoy.



There are many ways you can celebrate Earth Day, including starting a garden in your backyard or in a container in your home.

"This activity really makes our connection to the Earth clear."

An easier option is to visit your local farmers' market. Building this connection between the Earth and what we eat makes it easier to understand why protecting the planet is important, she explains.

Magill recently finished making a batch of soap

Websites

- Go to Earthday.ca to find local Earth Day events or visit Positivelygreen.com for more tips on green living.

with her family.

"Families used to make all of their own 'beauty' products and they knew exactly what was in them,"

she explains. "You can find easy recipes on the web."

It doesn't take long and it also makes bath time more fun.

For a more ambitious project, start a garden in your backyard or in a container in your house.

"Let your child choose what to plant. This way, they're more likely to eat it. Don't get too ambitious —

choose two or three things to plant," she says. "You and your child can check on your garden throughout the spring and summer and harvest what you've grown together."

A simpler idea is to set up a bird feeder.

"Spring means baby birds and feeding," Magill smiles. "You'll see all kinds of birds visiting your feeder."

Green Home Index tracks behaviours

The Canadian Green Home Index, developed by Environics Research for The Home Depot Canada, has assigned Canadians a moderate 60 out of 100 rating in its inaugural release.

Numbers

- A majority of Canadians (68 per cent) rate their home as "somewhat green." A further 13 per cent believe their homes are "very green." But an even stronger majority (83 per cent) acknowledge they have room to improve — and are keen to make their homes even greener than they are today.

but it's an ongoing process to change these important behaviours," said Annette Verschuren, president of The Home Depot Canada and Asia. "We believe this index provides a real opportunity to add to the green discussion so we can support further change and provide consumers with the tools they need to do more."

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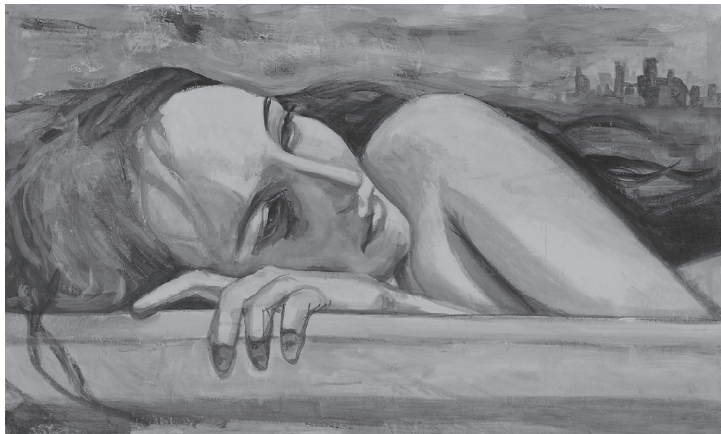
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Canada's annual inflation eases in March, core higher

10 Canada's annual inflation rate slowed to 1.2 per cent in March from 1.4 per cent in February, but the core rate watched by the central bank rose to two per cent. **REUTERS**

Business

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Watchdog criticized after Conquest's fall

Travel body should have taken action: Critics

The first clues that now-defunct Conquest Vacations could be in trouble emerged six months ago, near the peak of the financial crisis, when the seller of packaged holidays ran afoul of provincial guidelines that stipulate how much cash it needed to have on hand to pay its bills.

While not necessarily an ominous sign in an industry known for its volatility, the event nevertheless spawned discussions between Conquest management and the province's travel industry watchdog, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, or TICO.

In March, TICO gave Conquest a deadline of April 14 to put more money into its working capital fund or face a suspension.

But TICO president

"TICO's mandate is consumer protection. It's not to protect registrants."

Bruce Bishins, Association of Retail Travel Agents

Michael Pepper said Conquest instead opted to pull the plug on the 37-year-old travel firm the next day in a move that ruined the vacation plans of thousands of Canadians.

While Pepper says he stands by his decision to attempt to work with Conquest, others have questioned whether TICO could have done more to soften the impact of Conquest's shutdown.

Bruce Bishins, president

of the Association of Retail Travel Agents, said his members have been concerned for months that TICO is not living up to its consumer protection mandate.

Bishins said a shortfall in Conquest's working capital, which refers to money used to pay bills or other short-term expenses, should have prompted TICO to stop Conquest from selling travel packages.

"I don't know the level of shortfall, but if TICO found this out and working capital wasn't immediately injected into the company, TICO should have suspended them," said Bishins. "TICO's mandate is consumer protection. It's not to protect registrants."

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Few options for CAW: Analysts

AUTO The Canadian Auto Workers union has little choice but to accept cuts of over 20 per cent in its members' wages and benefits when talks with Chrysler over cost savings resume next week, analysts said.

Without the concessions, a partnership between Chrysler and Italian car-maker Fiat SpA has little chance, and Chrysler would then fail to meet the end-of-month deadline to qualify

for government aid in Canada and the United States.

Chrysler would then likely have to file for bankruptcy protection, almost assuredly bringing cuts in labour costs and job losses, analysts said.

Chrysler said in a letter to employees Friday that the union's refusal to cut labor costs by \$19 an hour to \$57 an hour jeopardizes the future of Chrysler and its operations in Canada. **REUTERS**

In brief

ENERGY Low prices are almost certain to have slashed profits for Canada's biggest oil and gas producers, who begin their first-quarter earning season in earnest this week. Prices were mired in recessionary lows in the quarter, with oil down 55 per cent and the average natural gas price shaved by nearly half from the year-prior period.

PAPER Quebec agreed on Friday to provide a \$100-million US loan guarantee to Abitibi-Bowater Inc. as the newsprint maker attempts to restructure its operations under bankruptcy protection in Canada and the United States.

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March real estate down:

The value of all residential transactions recorded through the MLS system in Nova Scotia totalled \$130.5 million in March, a 16 per cent decrease from year-ago levels, but it was still the highest level of housing sales activity in the province in five months.

42 Michelin workers to keep their jobs:

A group of 42 flex employees at Michelin Tire plants in Granton and Bridgewater will not be laid off next month, said a company spokeswoman.

Bowater paper plant employees safe:

Bowater Mersey Paper Company Ltd. employees found out to their relief late on Thursday that the Brooklyn, Queens Co. plant is not included in AbitibiBowater's bankruptcy proceedings.

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Nestor, Zimonjic dominate in victory

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Sports



The Iceman doneth?

After being knocked out by Mauricio (Shogun) Rua at UFC 97 in Montreal Saturday, Chuck (The Iceman) Liddell is finished, according to UFC president Dana White. "You're never going to see Chuck Liddell on the canvas again," White said. "It's done." Rua knocked out Liddell 4:28 into the first round. In another fight, Anderson Silva set a UFC record for most wins in the Octagon with an uninspired decision over Thales Leites. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Milwaukee 4 N.Y. Mets 2
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St. Louis at Chicago Cubs PPD

Sports in brief

NHL Milan Lucic of the Boston Bruins has been suspended for Game 3 of the Bruins-Canadians series tonight after cross-checking Habs forward Maxim LaPierre in the head in the closing minutes of Boston's 5-1 win Saturday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Flyers double up Pens, back in it

STANLEY CUP 2009 Playoffs

Simon Gagne netted a pair of goals, as the Philadelphia Flyers posted a strong 6-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series at Wachovia Center.

Claude Giroux contributed a goal and assist for the Flyers, who climbed back into the series after dropping the first two games in Pittsburgh.

Jeff Carter, Mike Richards and Jared Ross also hit the net for Philadelphia, and Martin Biron stopped 26 shots for the win. Evgeni Malkin tallied twice for the Penguins, who dropped their first road playoff contest since Game 2 of the 2008 Stanley Cup Finals in Detroit. Rob Scuderi added a goal while Sidney Crosby picked up a pair of helpers. Marc-Andre Fleury allowed five goals on 29 shots in defeat. Game 4 is set for tomorrow in Philadelphia.

CANUCKS 3, BLUES 2

Steve Bernier netted the



Claude Giroux of the Flyers takes down Pittsburgh's Tyler Kennedy yesterday.

game-winner early in the third period, as the Vancouver Canucks edged the St. Louis Blues, 3-2, in Game 3 of their Western Conference quarterfinal series.

Roberto Luongo was solid between the pipes, stopping 24 shots for the third-seeded Canucks, who lead the best-of-seven series, 3-0, and will look to complete the sweep tomorrow in St. Louis.

Vancouver scored all three goals on the power play, with Daniel Sedin and Mattias Ohlund also lighting the lamp.

David Backes and Andy McDonald both registered a goal and an assist for the Blues, who had won their last five on home ice to conclude the regular season. Chris Mason made 23 saves in defeat.

DEVILS 3, HURRICANES 2 (OT)

Travis Zajac, who had not scored since mid-March, lit the lamp 4:58 into overtime to lift the New Jersey Devils to a 3-2 win over Carolina in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series at RBC Center. Zach Parise and Brian Gionta also tallied for the Devils, who bounced back from an overtime loss in Game 2 to take a 2-1 lead in

For a recap of the Ducks/Sharks game, visit **metronews.ca**

the best-of-seven series. Martin Brodeur turned aside 28 of the 30 shots he faced. Ryan Bayda and Chad LaRose each had a goal for the Hurricanes.

Carolina will host Game 4 tomorrow.

METRO NEWS SERVICES**MLB Blue Jays win 10th**

Toronto Blue Jays Marco Scutaro, Aaron Hill and Vernon Wells celebrate their 1-0 win against the Oakland A's yesterday. Two weeks into the Major League Baseball season, the Jays sit atop the American League East with a 10-4 record.

Sixers stun Magic in playoff opener

NBA 2009 Playoffs

Andre Iguodala's fadeaway jumper from the top of the key over the outstretched arms of Hedo Turkoglu with 2.2 seconds left in regulation proved to be the game-winner, as the Philadelphia 76ers overcame an 18-point second-half deficit to take Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series, 100-98, against the Orlando Magic.

The sixth-seeded Sixers made 5-of-7 from three-point range in the fourth quarter, including a 3-of-4 effort by veteran Donyell Marshall. Lou Williams scored eight of his 18 in the final stanza, which the visitors won, 35-19.

Iguodala finished with 20 points and eight rebounds, and did a tremendous job containing Turkoglu, who went 2-for-8 from the field for six points and missed a game-winning three at the



Matt Harpring of the Jazz guards Lamar Odom yesterday.

buzzer for the Southeast Division champs.

L.A. LAKERS 113, JAZZ 100

Kobe Bryant scored 24 points and dished out eight assists, and the Los Angeles Lakers led by double digits for a majority of their 113-100 victory over the Utah Jazz in Game 1 of their Western Conference quarterfinal series.

Bryant moved into third all-time on the Lakers' all-time postseason scoring list and ninth overall with 3,710 points, passing Magic Johnson. Trevor Ariza

added a playoff career-high 21 points, while Pau Gasol contributed 20 points, nine rebounds and four blocks for Los Angeles.

"We have to keep (Utah) off the free throw line," Bryant said. "In the second half, they were aggressive. Every game is a big game. We're happy to be healthy at this juncture."

This marks the second straight season these two teams have met in the playoffs. The Lakers defeated the Jazz in six games in the Western semis and have now beaten Utah six

straight times at Staples Center, playoffs and regular season.

HAWKS 90, HEAT 64

Josh Smith scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the fourth-seeded Atlanta Hawks in a 90-64 rout of the Miami Heat in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series.

Joe Johnson added 15 points and Al Horford 14 with nine boards for the Hawks.

Dwyane Wade totaled a team-best 19 points, but also committed eight turnovers for Miami, which set a franchise-low for points scored in a post-season tilt. Michael Beasley tallied a double-double with 10 points and 10 boards in the setback.

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For a recap of Hornets/Nuggets game, visit **metronews.ca**

The Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League announced its schedule on Friday, and the 2009 season opens on May 22. All five teams from last year are back. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Huge first win for Grant

Cole Harbour fighter takes UFC debut in split decision

MATTHEW WUEST

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T.J. Grant has won plenty of fights in his mixed martial arts career, but Saturday night's was his biggest yet.

The Cole Harbour native passed his first test on the Ultimate Fighting Championship circuit, earning a debut victory over Ryo Chonan in a welterweight bout on the undercard of UFC 97 at a sold-out Bell Centre in Montreal.

The split-decision win (30-27, 28-29, 29-28 on scorecards) improved Grant's career record to 14-2.

"I didn't train all this while to get here and lose," said Grant, who got his start in the sport in the inaugural Extreme Cage Combat event in Halifax in 2006. "I want to stay here, I want to fight in UFC, and it's huge for me to get a win."

Although Grant signed a four-fight contract in January, there is little security — UFC can drop a fighter after any loss. For the first Nova Scotian (raised and trained) in UFC, a victory was a critical step toward showing he belongs.

Chonan, now 15-10, was making his fourth UFC appearance.

"I think I was able to win the beginnings and ends of most rounds," Grant said. "That's what did it for me. I finished strong every round



T.J. Grant has Ryo Chonan on the mat Saturday in an Ultimate Fighting Championship match.

and I think that won me the decision."

Grant admitted to being nervous before the fight, but credited his experience in three TKO events at Bell Centre for helping him stay calm when he stepped in front of 20,000 fans.

"There aren't as many people (for TKO fights) but the setup's the same, the

lights are the same, the music's the same, so I think it helped me," Grant said. "But honestly, it just happened so fast. I just got in there and did my thing."

"When it's go time, it's go time."

Grant is vacationing to the Dominican Republic in May but expects to hear from UFC soon.

"I could have to fight on three weeks notice, you never know," Grant said. "I have to be ready at all times."

Jason MacDonald, a Red Deer, Alta., resident originally from New Glasgow, lost by technical knockout to Nate Quarry at 2:27 of the first round in another UFC 97 bout.

Dartmouth runner in Boston

BOSTON MARATHON

Dartmouth native Denise Robson will vie for the top women's masters time at the Boston Marathon today.

Robson, who shattered Canada's 40-and-older women's marathon record last November, will be one of more than 100 Nova Scotians participating in the 113th annual event.

The 40-year-old was 11th among women at last year's Boston Marathon with a time of 2:45:54. That's well under the 2:47:17 that was the top masters time last year.

Halifax's Rami Bardeesy, who was 69th overall last year, Enfield's Harry Neynens and two-time reigning Blue Nose Marathon champ Leah Jabbour are among the other entrants.

Hart named interim national team coach

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SOCCER Halifax's Stephen Hart will be back on the sidelines as head coach of the Canadian men's soccer team.

The Canadian Soccer Association announced Friday that Hart will serve as interim coach for the rest of the 2009 season. He replaces Dale Mitchell, who was fired in March. Hart, a native of Trinidad and Tobago who moved to Halifax nearly 30 years ago, will lead Canada to the CONCACAF Gold Cup in early July. Things get started with a friendly match in Larnaca against Cyprus on May 30. It's not clear if the interim gig

could become permanent.

"It's quite sudden ... The first task at hand is to get on with the Cyprus game and try to put something together for the Gold Cup," Hart told Metro's It's Called Football show.

"To be honest, I haven't thought about anything beyond that."

This is Hart's second tour of duty as head coach of the national team.

The 49-year-old also had the job on an interim basis in 2007 when Canada lost in the semifinals at the Gold Cup. Most recently he was the CSA's technical director.



Stephen Hart

Sports in brief

QMJHL The Drummondville Voltigeurs grabbed a 2-0 lead over the Rimouski Oceanic in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's best-of-seven semifinals on the weekend. The host Voltigeurs won 4-3 yesterday after an 8-1 thumping on Friday night at Marcel Dionne Centre. The other semifinal between the Shawinigan Cataractes and Quebec Remparts is deadlocked at one game apiece. The Cataractes bounced back from a 4-2 loss on Friday with a 4-3 road win on Saturday at Pepsi Colisée.

RAINMEN Halifax Rainmen forward A.J. Millien has been named Premier Basketball League newcomer of the year. Millien, a second-team all-star, played the final nine games of the season with the Rainmen after starting the year with the Augusta Groove. He led the PBL with 24.7 points per game. The Rainmen hope to bring the six-foot-eight forward back next season.

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Metro Workology exclusive: Paws and Claws

Be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work for our pet industry feature series Paws and Claws. Seen here is Lincoln, the two-year-old Black Lab mix, submitted by a loyal Metro reader.



Workology

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Sniffing out crime

Never underestimate police dogs: Officer

Paws and Claws

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Dutch bursts out of the police truck with his teeth ripped back in a vicious snarl. The German Shepherd's blood's up and pity anything that gets between him and the crook. Anything but the slobbery toy Const. Paul Jessen holds out, instantly turning the fierce beast into a puppy.

Jessen got Dutch when he was 11 months old, and the dog already had a chip on his shoulder. That's part of what makes the 85-pound K-9 cop such a valuable partner.

"They do have that aggressive streak when you need it. There are times when you have to arrest somebody and they're not about to be arrested," the Halifax Regional Police cop explains.

Jessen's been with the police for 21 years and in the K-9 unit for 13. He's on his third dog, and he's seen them sniff out some well-hidden bad guys.

Jessen and his dog once arrived late on the scene of a stolen van. The thieves had ditched the vehicle and fled on foot.

"It was a parking lot, which is more difficult for the dogs because the hard surface doesn't retain the scent as well as grass or woods," he says. "He went



Many police dogs are German Shepherds. Const. Paul Jessen, a K-9 officer, says most police dogs work for about eight years before they go into retirement.

right to a dumpster a half kilometre away. We looked inside and sure enough, they were inside. It was a mother and son team."

Most criminals underestimate the dog's nose, which can track down explosives, narcotics and evidence, as well as people.

"A lot of people are very surprised. They're not expecting to be caught," he says. "They are German Shepherds and they do have huge teeth."

Cops and canines work and live together. Dutch's insulated dog house is in Jessen's backyard, so he quickly adjusts to the weather. He's about halfway through his eight-year working life.

"Then, they start showing their age. The work is fairly punishing for them. It's punishing for us, too," Jessen says. In retirement, the dogs often become pure pets for the handlers, or they find another home for them.

Not all are as ill-tempered as Dutch. Jessen took his retired German Shepherd to visit his three-year-old nephew. "He was all over him, and he doesn't care at all. I wouldn't do that with (Dutch). He's got personal space issues."

For more of the Paws and Claws exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by:
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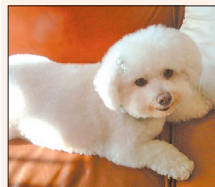


Metro readers' Best friends

• Metro would like thank everyone who has sent in a picture of their pet, we'll try to publish as many as we can throughout the month of April.



This is Sophie, the Terrier Bassett Hound mix.



Here's (another) Sophie having fun in the sun.

Colleges get new websites

North Island College and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design recently unveiled new homepages. NIC's website touts how students taking university studies at the college will pay half of the cost of a comparable education at urban universities. The easy-to-navigate site features news, events, and links to a photo gallery.

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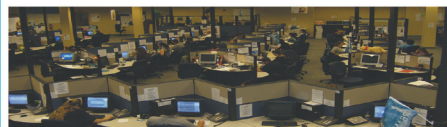
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Holly Perreault used to pull her hair into a ponytail, wash her face and go in the morning. Now, the 42-year-old from Windsor, Ont., always dons a smart outfit and a

little makeup. That's because she feels great about herself and her job. But also, as a full-time Avon salesperson, it doesn't hurt to use the products you sell.

Three years ago, she was doing something com-

pletely different. She ran a home daycare and kept busy with that and her three daughters, the youngest of which is now six.

A girlfriend who sold Avon suggested Perreault give it a try. Perreault agreed — eager to get some free stuff and make a little cash.

In that first year, she did well selling to family and friends and made it into the company's President's Club. After the awards banquet, her manager took her out for lunch.

"What do you want to do with this?" she asked. Knowing her youngest was about to enter grade one, and loving both the products and the endless chance to interact with people, Perreault had her answer. She cleared two days each week to go out and train with her manager.

Last September, she shut down her home daycare and got to work recruiting both customers and Avon salespeople to work under her. Today, she has a team of a hundred salespeople, a good-sized roster of clients who order from Avon regularly and has been promoted to executive unit leader.

"A typical day for me is talking, and talking," Perreault says. She often meets with team members to discuss business strategies, and she and other representatives attend frequent training sessions and workshops held by



Avon representative Holly Perreault says it's not a bad idea to wear the products you are trying to sell.

Avon. They also go door to door.

And while she's out doing everything from shopping at the mall to attending one of her daughter's soccer games, she's constantly talking to people.

"My goal every time I go out is to find a new customer or to find a new rep that would like to join Avon."

At first, it was tough for her to ring doorbells and talk to strangers all the time. But practice, her love of people, and her psychology degree all helped. As does the business skills she learned managing restaurants, which she did before her eldest daughter, now 15, was born.

In fact, most of her past experience has led up this job, she sees in retrospect.

The Lowdown

Job title: Avon representative

Salary: About \$50,000 a year

Education/Training: One-on-one help, workshops and courses offered by Avon and its staff.

Best part of the job: "Knowing I'm helping somebody else make or save money. And having three daughters, showing them that if you work hard, you can get rewarded for it."

Worst part of the job: "Not having enough hours in the day."

"I never in a million years imagined when I started out and sold a few mascaras that it would become my full time career."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



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Il Divo singer engaged

David Miller, the only American singer in the international opera group Il Divo, is getting engaged, Miller, 36, proposed to his girlfriend, Sarah Joy Kabanuck, an opera singer and theatre actress who starred in Baz Luhrmann's *La Bohème* on Broadway. They have been dating for six years. USMAGAZINE.COM

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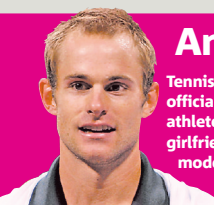
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Andy hitched

Tennis player Andy Roddick is officially off the market. The athlete, 26, wed his longtime girlfriend, *Sports Illustrated* model Brooklyn Decker, 21, on Friday. USMAGAZINE.COM



Northern exposure

Comedian Lewis Black crosses country on Dual Citizenship Tour

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

"It always makes sense to come to a new territory during a complete economic catastrophe," quips Lewis Black about traipsing Canada during one of the greatest financial strains since the Great Depression.

Best known for his Back In Black short features on *The Daily Show* With Jon Stewart, which take a critical viewpoint of society, 60-year-old observational comedian Lewis Black brings his one-man stand-up act, *The Dual Citizenship Tour*, across Canada this month.

As is typical of Black, there's always a shroud of mystery surrounding his intent. He hides behind drollery while discussing the tour's title, stating that despite his adora-

tion for the U.S., the political clarity which drives his humour forces him to make alternate living arrangements. The moniker is an imploration for Canucks to welcome him into our family.

"I called it *The Dual Citizenship Tour* because I'm making an appeal to you to please stay independent," he continues. "I may be coming up here and someone's gonna have to keep me in their house. Canada is my escape route and this tour is my final appeal. I'm trying to cement the relationship. At any mo-

ment, the U.S. could go up in smoke so my hope is that you'll take me just in case."

In all reality though, the 12-date tour is the result of increased popularity due to his *Daily Show* stint. Black wasn't about to shrug off his first real chance to see The Great White North in its entirety.

"The attraction is really wanting to do that drive across Canada-

da," he relents. "I've always wanted to do (it) and now I have the opportunity. I can actually spend time here and see the inner-workings; the real elements."

To that extent, Black admits that he is striving to stay as far away from the typical Canucks-versus-Americans train of humour, feeling it worn out; over-used. But he's not eliminating it entirely, expecting that his limited understanding of Canada will most likely become comedic fuel during the show's run.

"Hopefully I'll come out with 20 minutes of material about Canada. I can b—h about Stephen Harper to you guys when I'm hosting *Just For Laughs* this year. At this point, the tour doesn't really cater to (Canadians) other than (my) apologizing for being American. I don't think there's a need. You guys have being Canadian shoved in your face. You don't need me doing it. You're always sucking that exhaust.



Lewis Black
GETTY IMAGES

Over the top action

Crank: High Voltage

Directors: Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor

Stars: Jason Statham

Classification: 18A

Rating: ●●●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Crank: High Voltage is disgusting, disposable, disorienting, inhuman and infantile ... and those are its good points.

Immediately picking up where the attention deficit friendly adventures of the first instalment left off, brutish British action hero Jason Statham returns as seemingly superhuman underworld anti-hero Chev Chellios, who, after surviving an impossible fall from a helicopter, has his heart removed by Triad organ thieves and replaced by a bionic one.

In order for Chev to beat the clock—again—and retrieve his resilient ticker, he has to keep his body constantly pulsing with electricity, a gimmicky plot device that unleashes scene after scene of finger-in-socket silliness.



Jason Statham returns as a thug in *Crank: High Voltage*

Crank is a non-stop, over the top orgy of violence, sex, misogyny, racism and general bad taste.

But for all its sound and fury, it feels safe: An over stylized, faux-hip descent into cartoonish, music video informed depravity.

Red Bull junkies, gamers, 12-year-old boys and easily bored morons might love every inch of this fast forward, ultra-bloody time waster but by the time Statham turns into a jut-jawed, power plant levelling Godzilla-esque monster even they might be annoyed by directors Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor's grab bag lunacy and pretentious self awareness.

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Baby boy for Paisleys
Country singer Brad Paisley and his wife, According to Jim star Kimberly Williams-Paisley, left, welcomed a son Friday, their reps confirm to usmagazine.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Here comes Lady Love

LeToya Luckett, an original member of Destiny's Child, didn't expect to wait three years between solo albums.

After she released her first record, EMI announced that Capitol and Virgin would merge into the Capitol Music Group. In the midst of the restructuring, the group's executive vice president of urban music, Ronnie Johnson, died of a heart attack.

"When you get caught up in a merger and then lose someone who was so involved in your project, there's nothing you can do," says LeToya, who uses only her first name professionally.

As she waited, she focused on figuring out some things about love, relationships and her personal growth as a woman, singer-songwriter and entrepreneur. Those life lessons are reflected in the songs on Lady Love. The album is slated for release June 23.

LeToya established her solo status with a 2006 self-



Original Destiny's Child member LeToya Luckett is set to release her new album Lady Love this summer.

titled album. Debuting at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 and Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums charts with 165,000 copies, the set has since

sold 529,000, according to Nielsen SoundScan. The lead single, Torn, peaked at No. 2 on Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs.

"I wanted to be freer, more daring vocally and lyrically to reflect the situations I've experienced."

LeToya Luckett on her upcoming album

The second time around, the Houston native says she wanted to write songs with a more fun, upbeat and edgy attitude.

"The first album was more about getting adjusted to being solo and finding my lane," LeToya says.

"It's still about soulful, feel-good music. However, I didn't want to be stuck in a comfort zone. I wanted to be freer, more daring vocally and lyrically to reflect the situations I've experienced."

The lead single, Not Any more, picks up from where Torn left off as LeToya sings about kicking a cheating boyfriend to the curb. Another ballad, Regret, is being groomed as the second single. **REUTERS**

Trial underway for alleged Tyra stalker

The man charged with stalking former supermodel Tyra Banks went on trial Friday, with prosecutors saying he terrified the America's Next Top Model host by sending her packages and threatening her assistant.

Brady Green, 39, was arrested last March after he appeared twice at the Manhattan studio where her chat show, The Tyra Banks Show, is filmed.

Green repeatedly contacted the show, sent Banks flowers with the note "When I see you, I love you," and threatened to slit the throat of her assistant, causing Banks to "fear for her physical health and safety," prosecutor Shawn McMahon said in opening arguments in New York State Supreme Court.

"His actions made him a stalker — not a fan, but a stalker," McMahon said.

But Green's defence attorney, Sydney O'Hagen, portrayed Green as a harmless fan and said Banks



Tyra Banks

courted admirers by giving them multiple ways of reaching out to her and cultivating an image of approachability.

"She invites fans who are inspired by her shows to reach out to her," O'Hagen said.

"She repeatedly presented herself as someone her fans can relate to."

Green was "an inspired fan, not a deranged fan, not a stalker," O'Hagen said, adding that her client only wanted to attend a taping of the show and perhaps meet Banks.

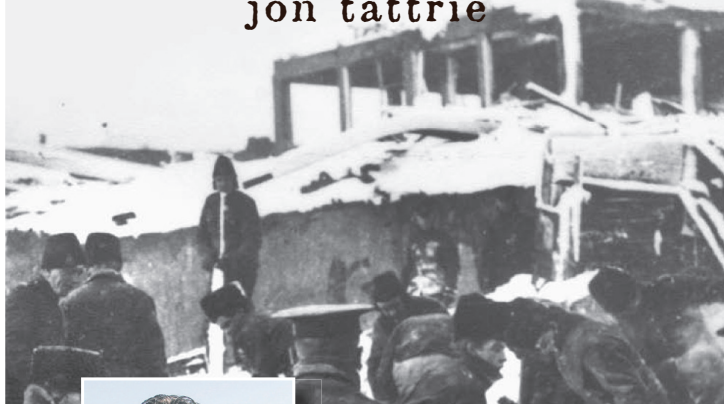
Green has pleaded not guilty to the misdemeanor stalking and harassment charges. He faces a maximum of 90 days in jail if convicted in the trial, which resumes in Manhattan on April 27.

Banks is expected to be called as a witness. **REUTERS**

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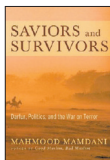
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Hype over new Harry Potter

Hogwarts hysteria is growing following the release of a new trailer for Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince late last week. Fans will have to wait another three months to see the film, which will open in July. **ANANOVA.COM**

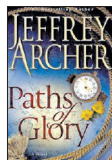
Darfur's past offers answers



Saviors and Survivors

Author: Mahmood Mamdani
Publisher: Pantheon Books
Price: \$32 (Hardcover)

By definition, can the war-torn situation in Darfur, Sudan be considered genocide? Mahmood Mamdani says no. The Ugandan-born Columbia University professor of anthropology and political science states his case for Sudan in his book *Saviors and Survivors*. The book explores the region's history to understand present violence in the country. From infighting in Darfur's 1980s civil war to attempted British tribalisation in the region, *Saviors and Survivors* examines how several domestic and international players became involved in the conflict, and how Sudan landed in the path of the American-initiated War on Terror.



Paths of Glory

Author: Jeffrey Archer
Publisher: St. Martin's Press
Price: \$30.95 (Hardcover)

Seventy-five years after George Mallory took the trek to become the first person to ascend Mount Everest, his remains were finally found. Back in 1924, the man disappeared while trying to reach the summit, leaving people eager to know whether he'd actually completed his mission. In Jeffrey Archer's *Paths of Glory*, the author uses the true story as a basis for his fictional tale of curiosity. By recalling Mallory's early life, through marriage, the birth of his child and fighting in the First World War, Archer builds a case to allow readers to decide if Mallory really deserves commendation for his climb.



The Second Opinion

Author: Michael Palmer
Publisher: St. Martin's Press
Price: \$17.95 (Paperback)

Dr. Thea Sperelakis has made her mark on the Boston medical industry by championing the defenseless. Bothered by self-centered social practices and conflict at work, she dodges the finance-focused hospital to join Doctors Without Borders in the Congo. But she's forced to return when she learns Petros, her physician dad, has been hurt in a hit-and-run accident. Thea fights her siblings to keep her father living, when they'd prefer him to remain untreated. But when Petros' "accident" turns into a potential crime, Thea has a lot more to discover.

**BRIAN COULTON/
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BookPicks

Tyler enlists in Rock 'n' Roll Camp

Recovered from a recent bout of pneumonia, Aerosmith's Steven Tyler is ready to infect the upcoming Rock 'n' Roll Fantasy Camp in Los Angeles with some wisdom gleaned from nearly 40 years of recording and touring.

"I've not done anything like this before. I'm expecting just a whole lot of fun," Tyler told Billboard.com. The singer won't be focusing on formal lesson plans. "I think they'll find it very interesting when I tell them that it's not really necessarily about practicing and hitting all your notes," said Tyler, whose father, classical musician Vic Tallarico, studied at the Juilliard School in New York. "I don't think it's about that at all. I think it's all about finding a passion, a way of singing something in a way that nobody has ever done it before. It's about a feeling and getting that across to people. That's what I'll be trying to tell them."

Tyler will be among 20 counselors taking part in the camp, which runs April 29 through May 3 in Hollywood. He'll join previously announced celebri-



Aerosmith's Steven Tyler will be one among 20 counselors taking part in this year's Rock 'n' Roll Fantasy Camp in Hollywood.

ties such as Duff McKagan, Todd Rundgren, Yes drummer Alan White, former Toto guitarist Steve Lukather, ex-Cars guitarist Elliott Easton and producer-songwriter Mark Hudson (Aerosmith, Ringo Starr).

Camp organizers recently added three more mentors: keyboardist Rami Jaffe (Wallflowers, Foo Fighters), original Chicago drummer Danny Seraphine and Vixen bassist Share Ross.

The camp will provide a bit of recreational respite for Tyler before preparation begins for Aerosmith's

summer tour, which kicks off June 10 in St. Louis and adds ZZ Top to the bill on the third date.

"It's the weird to the beard," Tyler enthused. "It'll be the most bad-ass rock 'n' roll you've ever heard in your life."

He's working on songs for Aerosmith's next album, the group's first since 2004's *Honkin' on Bobo*. The project has been delayed by Tyler and guitarist Joe Perry's health issues, but Tyler said it's still "pretty far along. Stuff is sounding great. I can't wait to get back to it and really make it cook."

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critics'corner

An Audience With Neil Diamond

With sales of 115 million records, Neil Diamond is ranked third on the list of the most successful artists ever. In this new special, he holds forth on his life and career before an audience that includes Tim Rice, Dame Judi Dench and Alison Steadman, among others, before launching into his greatest hits along with songs from the 2008 album "Home Before Dark." 10 PM on BRAVO



Daily Planet

Earth Day is this week, and the science news show takes the opportunity to share ideas and developments aimed at helping the environment. A four-part series on going off the grid is a highlight of "Green Week," which also features reports on a human-powered car, solar cooking and some unique uses for recycled plastic bottles. Jay Ingram and Ziya Tong host. 10 AM on DISC

Medium

Allison's (Patricia Arquette) dreams become a terrifying reality when she comes face to face with her stalker, Lucas Harvey, who is convinced God wants him to put an end to her psychic work. After his first, unsuccessful attack, Allison and her family are confined to their home under police supervision until Harvey can be caught in the new episode "The Devil Inside, Part One." 11 PM on NBC



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Flo Rida - Sugar

Lady Gaga - Lovegame

Karl Wolf Ft Culture - Africa

Soulja Boy Ft Sammie - Kiss Me Thru The Phone

Britney Spears - If U Seek Amy

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Perpetual Hollywood bachelor Matthew McConaughey says that when it comes to marriage, why fix it if it ain't broke? "It's just not something I plan on doing right now, and that I feel like I need to do right now," said the 39-year-old actor. **PEOPLE.COM**

If singledom ain't broke: Matthew

Celebrity Buzz

Amy feels 'Ultimate Betrayal'

RELATIONSHIP Singer Amy Winehouse has reportedly penned a new track called the Ultimate Betrayal following claims her estranged husband is expecting a child with another woman, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Mother-of-two Gillean Morris told a British newspaper last weekend that she is six weeks pregnant with Blake Fielder-Civil's baby.

Winehouse was reportedly heartbroken by the

news — and has written an emotional song about her turbulent relationship with Fielder-Civil while working on a new album in St. Lucia, according to British newspaper The Sun.

A source tells the publication, "Amy still felt they had something between them and that one day they'd be together again."

"But this news destroyed her. She sat down with her guitar and started writing the Ultimate Betrayal. She

keeps repeating the line: Blake a baby, no, no, no. It's very haunting."

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GETTY IMAGES

Tom calls in air support for Suri

PEOPLE Tom Cruise isn't one to let anything ruin his daughter's special day.

While celebrating Suri Cruise's third birthday Saturday, guests were reportedly disturbed by a paparazzi helicopter swooping overhead, according to TMZ, so Tom called the cops.

The LAPD airship reportedly did a flyby, but the of-

fending aircraft was gone by the time they arrived.

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Wife prefers a fat, flabby Hugh

PEOPLE Hugh Jackman's wife finds his muscular body "annoying," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor, who embarked on a gruelling exercise regime for his new movie X-Men Origins: Wolverine, infuriated his spouse Deborah-Lee Furness by getting into better shape than her.

He joked: "She gets very annoyed. She says, 'A husband's job is to be fat and flabby and make me look fabulous.' She said I wasn't living up to my end of the bargain."

Hugh undertook a "full-on" fitness and diet program to reprise his role as the mutant superhero and says he achieved his chiselled physique through two full workouts daily, and meals of

steamed chicken and vegetables every three hours.

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Britney threatened by Kevin's new fiancée?

PEOPLE Britney Spears feels "betrayed" by Kevin Federline, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer is reportedly furious with her ex-husband — with whom she has two children, Sean Preston, three, and Jayden James, two — after he proposed to girlfriend Victoria Prince, because Spears still has feelings for him.

A source close to Spears — who is rumoured to be dating her backing dancer Chase Benz — said: "Britney's face fell when Kevin told her he had proposed. She's been flirting with her dancers and has a thing going on with Chase but she still loves Kevin and always hoped they'd get back together."

"It wouldn't surprise me if her flirting with

other guys was purely to make him jealous."

Spears — who divorced Federline in 2007 — is said to be particularly concerned with the amount of time Prince will be spending with her sons.

The source added: "I don't think Britney saw her as a threat un-

til Kevin proposed but now she will be stepmother to Britney's kids and that doesn't make her happy."

As well, Spears' security team earned their pay recently when a stalker showed up on the singer's property in Calabasas, Calif. Spears was in L.A. to perform when Miranda Tozier-Robbins, a former American Idol contestant and a student at the New England Institute of Art, was caught peeping through Spears' windows while dressed in camouflage fatigues and carrying a backpack full of video equipment, according to Hollyscoop.

According to the police report, Tozier-Robbins, who was later arrested for trespassing, "balked at requests" from security to get her off the property. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Farrah's son pleads for rehab

LEGAL The troubled son of Farrah Fawcett and Ryan O'Neal went before L.A. judge Scott T. Millington on Friday after violating his probation and having traces of heroin in his rehab treatment room on April 5, intouchweekly.com reports.

Redmond O'Neal told the judge he was concerned about his mother, Fawcett, who has been battling cancer for three years and was just released from the hospital.

"I want to be there

for my mom, who is really sick. She is laying in bed and weighs 86 pounds and I am really upset with myself," O'Neal told the judge.

After the judge told O'Neal, 24, he did not want to see him back in court again, he asked O'Neal if he was serious about completing a drug treatment program.

O'Neal replied, "Yes, I want treatment. I really want to do it."

O'Neal will remain in custody until his next court date on April 30.

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Spencer's Twit-challenge

RIVALRY The same day that Ashton Kutcher beat CNN in their much-hyped Twitter race to reach one million followers, a new challenger has come to the surface — The Hills' Spencer Pratt.

"Ashton had a huge head start, but I believe in my Twitter family," Pratt, who currently has less than 200,000 followers on the social networking site, tells usmagazine.com.

"From the moment Ashton accepts my challenge, assuming he's

man enough to do so, whoever adds the most new followers in 30 days wins."

What are the stakes for their May 17 deadline? "If I win, Ashton and Demi (Moore, his wife) have to wash my car," he says. If he loses, Pratt adds that "Heidi (Montag) and I will clean their house."

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out of the bushes to snap Madonna, who was visiting friends on Eastern Long Island. Further medical tests are to be conducted, and doctors will continue to observe Madonna, the rep added.

In 2005, Madonna broke several bones in a horse-riding accident — cracking three ribs and breaking her collarbone and her hand. The following year, she suffered a hernia, but quickly recovered.

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PEOPLE Madonna suffered "minor injuries and bruises" Saturday while horseback riding in New York's Hamptons, her publicist has announced, people.com reports.

On Saturday evening, Liz Rosenberg said that the 50-year-old had been released from Southampton Hospital after she was thrown off a horse that was startled by paparazzi.

Rosenberg said the photographers had jumped



New judge for Mel

LEGAL Mel Gibson received a new judge after his lawyer requested to remove Judge Rafael Ongkeko from presiding over his divorce case against his wife, Robyn, usmagazine.com reports.

The case was reassigned to Judge Frederick Shaller "for all future court proceedings," usmagazine.com confirmed on Friday.

The star's attorney, Robert Kaufman, filed legal papers on Thursday with the Superior Court of the State of California to boot Ongkeko from the case, Us confirms.

According to the documents, Kaufman said that Ongkeko is "prej-

udiced against respondent and/or the respondent's attorney or the interest of respondent so that affiant against cannot or believes that he and/or respondent cannot have a fair and impartial trial or hearing before Judge Ongkeko."

Each side in the case is allowed to veto a judge once, within the first 10 days. Robyn's lawyer, Laura Wasser, has yet to respond.

However, according to TMZ.com, it is more likely that the couple will not appear in an L.A. county courthouse and will instead get a private judge to hear them out away from all the publicity and attention.

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Brooke comes to dad's defence

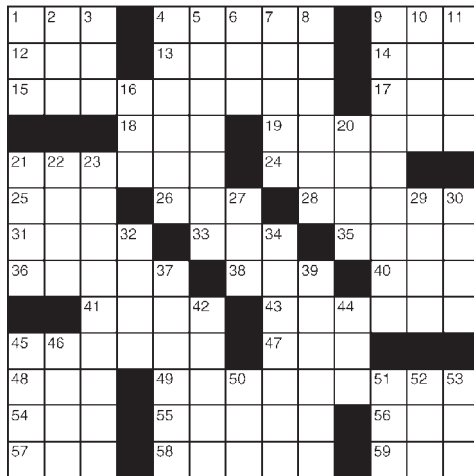
FAMILY Brooke Hogan is coming to the defence of her dad, Hulk Hogan, after comments he made to Rolling Stone about being able to sympathize with O.J. Simpson caused a dust-up with his ex-wife, Linda Hogan.

"He has been through so much and has taken the high road

through it all," Brooke tells Entertainment Tonight, calling the comments "blown out of proportion."

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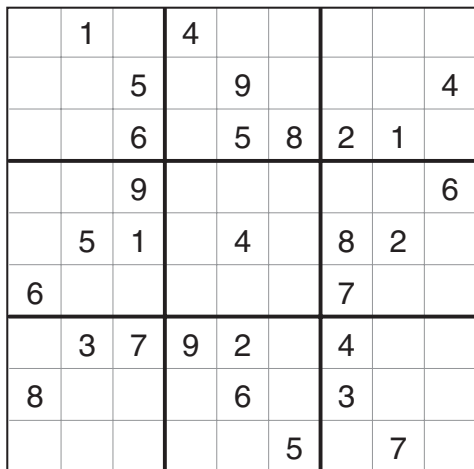


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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Crossword across

- 1 "By all means"
4 Picture puzzle
9 Bat wood
12 Beer cousin
13 Representative
14 Falsehood
15 Willa Cather work
17 Tribute in verse
18 Mel of Cooperstown
19 Christmas tree shimmer
21 Rose or carnation
24 Fit of peevishness
25 Mouth part
26 Groove on
28 Spread outward
31 Surrounded by

- 33 — de deux
35 Rational
36 Churlish types
38 Pit of your stomach
40 "CSI" find
41 "Peter Pan" pooch
43 Grace, for one
45 Cyndi Lauper hit
47 Glutton
48 Ball prop
49 Willa Cather work
54 Listening device
55 Oyster prize
56 Seek damages
57 "— Doubtfire"
58 Fry lightly
59 Grow old

Crossword down

- 1 Sweet potato
2 TV Tarzan Ron
3 Mariner's place
4 Snatched (on)
5 Self-indulgence of a sort
6 Franklin or Stein
7 Monads
8 Dry cleaner's targets
9 Willa Cather work
10 Faction
11 Back of the foot
16 Promptly
20 Pinches
21 "Spare tire"
22 Car to a prom
23 Willa Cather work

- 27 Joke
29 Hathaway or Heche
30 Calendar quota
32 Hardly fascinating
34 Boost
37 Gets nosy
39 Tiny amount
42 Breathlessness?
44 Past
45 Goblet feature
46 Listen to
50 Water (Fr.)
51 Mex. neighbour
52 Carpet
53 Witness

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



4	8	1	5	9	2	3	6	7
7	2	3	4	6	8	9	1	5
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2	3	8	1	7	6	4	5	9
9	4	7	3	2	5	1	8	6
3	1	2	6	5	4	7	9	8
8	9	5	2	3	7	6	4	1
6	7	4	9	8	1	5	3	2

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 minGenius
13-17 minScholar

17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Basil-Stuffed Chicken Breasts

INGREDIENTS:

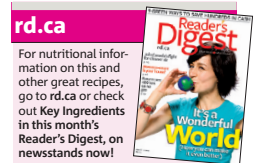
4 skinless boneless chicken breast halves
3 oz (90 g) mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced
1 tomato, thinly sliced
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 bunch fresh basil, about 3/4 oz (20 g)
4 slices prosciutto, about 2 oz (60 g) in total
1 tbsp (15 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper

GREEN SALAD:
2 tbsp (25 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
Fresh juice of 1/2 lemon
4 oz (125 g) mixed salad leaves
1 bunch fresh watercress, large stems discarded

METHOD:
1. Preheat the oven to 425 F (220 C). Slit each chicken breast half and enlarge to form pocket.
2. Divide mozzarella between chicken breast halves, sliding slices into pockets. Top cheese with tomato slices and crushed garlic. Roughly chop some basil and sprinkle in pockets.
3. Season chicken breasts. Place large sprig of basil

on each, then wrap in a slice of prosciutto, making sure that ham covers slit in chicken. Tie securely with kitchen string.
4. Heat oil in large frying pan over medium heat. Add chicken breasts and sauté over high heat until brown on both sides, 3 minutes. Transfer chicken to baking dish. Bake until chicken is cooked through and juices run clear when breast is pierced, 10 to 12 minutes.
5. For salad, put oil and lemon juice in bowl, season with salt and pepper to taste, and whisk. Add lettuce and watercress, then toss. Divide between 4 serving plates.
6. Remove string from chicken breasts. Cut each piece crosswise into slices, holding together to keep shape. Arrange on salad and garnish with remaining basil.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A happy friend speaks out of turn. A crook complains about your advice. Someone jumps out from a hidden alcove.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Somebody knows that you won't say the wrong thing. Have fun with a group of friends. An arrogant person needs a lesson in hospitality.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A control freak makes a savage point. Disguise your response to a lovelorn person. Performing a random act of kindness does you good.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Give a troubled person some special help. You can help to stabilize a volatile situation. Someone you dream about will escape from danger.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Even a miracle can't bring something back to you. Someone you know will explode with laughter. Wait patiently for a floundering fool.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Use your self-discipline to play by the rules. An elder wants you to lose a game. Don't trivialize a wild and crazy fantasy.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
An insulting person will cause misery. Single out a much-loved guy for special attention. Try new approach in search of satisfaction.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A true friend has gone astray. A promise interferes with your love life. When an opening comes up you should grab it.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Enjoy foolish rules if you're not forced to obey them. A crazy scheme is challenged by a skeptic. A private place is helpful to soothe a wounded ego.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A stranger won't take your status for granted. A shredded heart will be mended. Being silly is more fun than it used to be.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A woman will go out for treats. A reality check resolves nothing. A moment of fame leads to hours of flattery.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
An elated person is a conversational topic. An indirect assessment takes place at a meeting. Romantic risks are discussed.



WORDY GURDY
BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

1. Swear at you and me (1)
2. Writer Edgar Allan's denials (1)
3. In oil, cooks a Nobel award (1)
4. Deduct from the wages of a Vulcan (1)
5. Stately home's star-spangled cloths (2)
6. Most insolent Zen believer (2)
7. Burns the surfaces of verandas (2)

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like KITT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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